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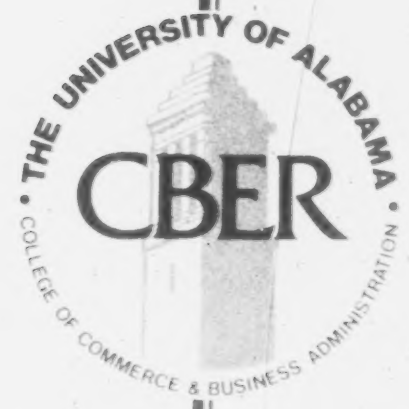

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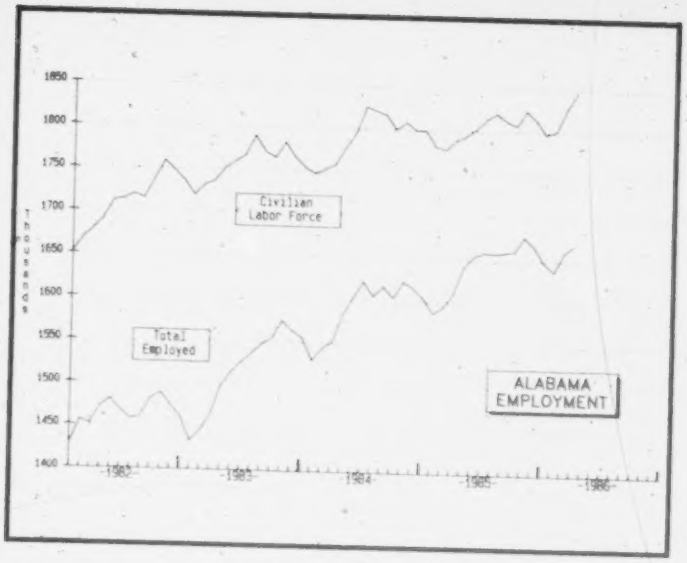
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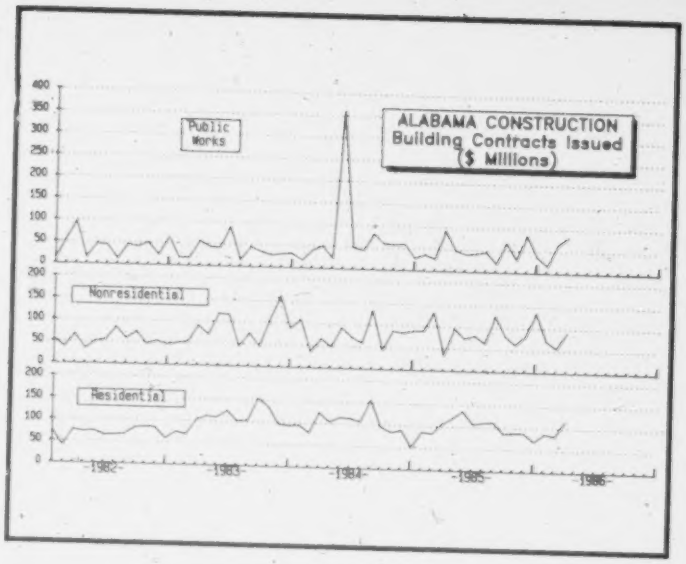
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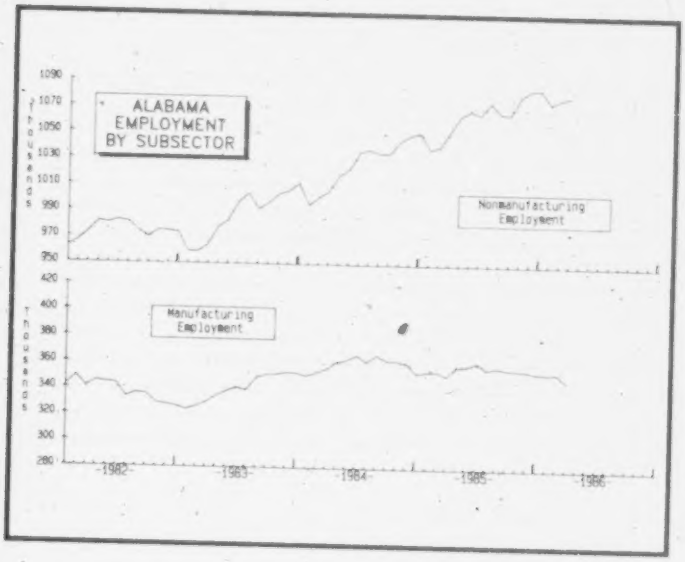
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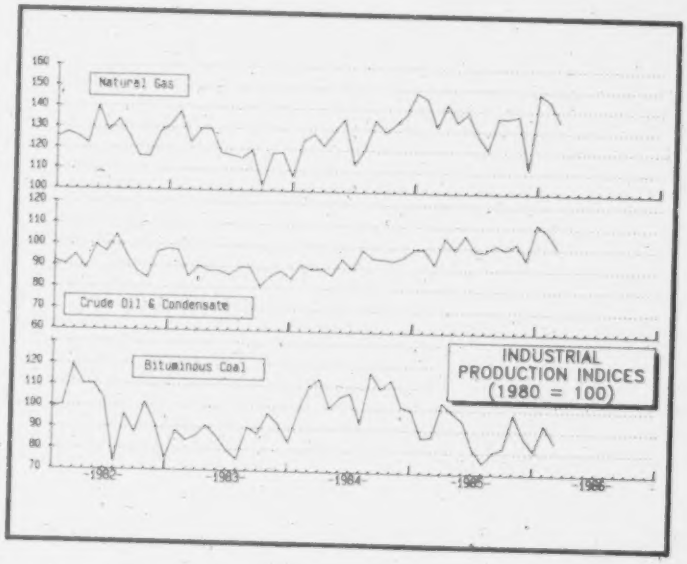
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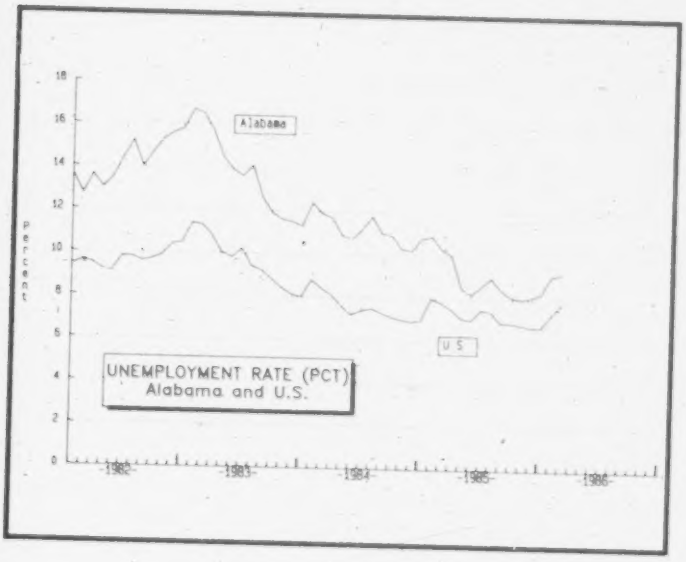
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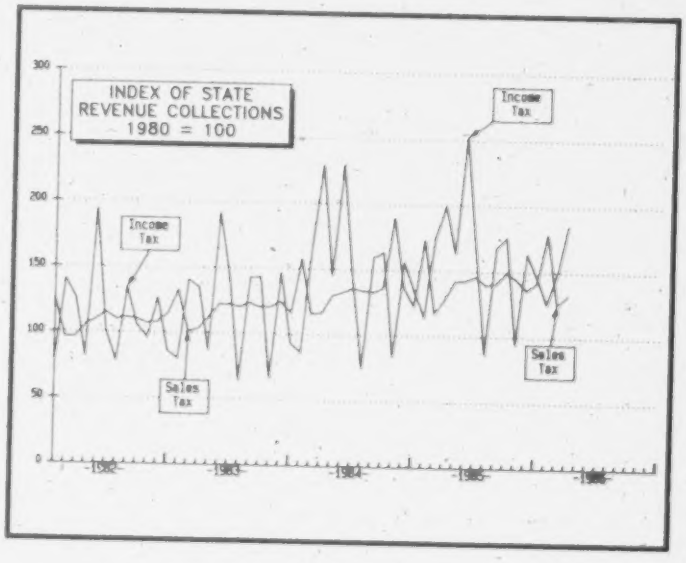
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Income Tax
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Sales Tax

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	28,008	23,421	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,838
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	137,180	142,269	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	338,597	341,068	25,580	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,600
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	19,807	21,472	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,888	1,917	1,768
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	24,250	23,537	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,514	6,292	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550	509
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[1] ($1,000)	3,025,500	2,859,000	234,700	238,400	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900
Residential	1,232,400	1,200,500	83,900	110,600	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400
Nonresidential	920,000	1,079,300	124,000	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	26,700	93,000	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,197	1,306	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102	93
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[3] ($1,000,000)	5,887	6,529	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254
Franchise	64,476	69,838	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658
Oil/gas privilege	70,183	64,951	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,429	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,601	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341
Sales	784,299	730,389	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661
2.2% Gross receipts	54,765	54,973		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23		13,922	84		13,957	1
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,375	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451
Use	75,723	79,253	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269
Utility	151,261	156,209	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[4] (1967 = 100)															
All items	311.1	322.2	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	-3
Food	302.9	309.8	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3
Housing	336.5	349.9	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1
Transportation	311.7	319.9	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2
Medical care	379.5	403.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	416.2	422.3
Energy	423.6	426.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9
Producer Price Index, U.S.[4] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	309.0	304.7
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.2	324.0	319.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	321	310	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305	305	305
Wholesale prices	322	324	324	324	323	323	323	324	325	327	325	323	322	324	328
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[1]															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,771.8	1,789.2	1,794.6	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	183.3	178.8	153.0	148.2	155.7	163.8	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	10.3	10.0	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,594.5	1,610.4	1,641.6	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,395.9	1,404.2	1,423.1	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	354.9	351.3	358.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.1	174.7	175.6	176.3	177.6	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	29.0	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.6	19.9	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.8	22.6	22.6	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8
Transportation	25.4	26.5	25.7	25.6	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.8	18.7	18.9	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	180.8	176.6	182.9	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7
Food	28.0	28.9	28.1	28.2	28.6	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.1	35.8	36.8	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.1	48.8	53.0	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.4	21.4	22.0	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,041.0	1,052.9	1,064.6	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.0	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	63.1	67.7	70.7	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.0	72.2	72.5	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3
Trade	291.3	303.2	293.6	297.0	301.4	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	74.3	75.1	75.8	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9
Retail	217.6	227.1	219.3	221.9	225.6	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.2	64.7	64.6	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	236.2	238.8	241.9	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4
Government	293.4	297.3	297.9	298.4	299.2	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3
Federal	64.9	65.2	65.1	65.3	66.2	66.0	68.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5
State and local	228.4	232.1	232.8	233.1	233.0	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,848
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	435,832	420,689	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573
Payments ($1,000)	172,593	172,909	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,080	15,130	15,080	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170
	9.6	8.7	9.3	8.9	8.4	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	36,980	38,470	37,610	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070
	10.9	7.7	9.1	11.5	7.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,110	11,640	11,250	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340
	10.5	10.5	11.8	15.4	9.7	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1
Bibb	6,240	6,880	6,910	7,090	6,930	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990
	16.6	12.4	14.0	10.6	9.9	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,050	17,070	17,130	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,260	17,180	17,220	17,680
	11.0	6.9	8.7	7.7	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,570	3,550	3,550	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590
	14.5	16.4	16.9	14.8	14.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,090	9,150	9,040	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830
	13.8	12.3	13.3	15.3	11.0	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	10.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,670	49,590	49,570	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520
	11.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9
Chambers	16,500	16,930	16,780	16,670	17,170	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160
	9.3	8.8	10.6	10.3	8.6	8.3	9.5	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	8,330	8,220	7,880	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670
	14.0	14.8	19.7	20.0	15.5	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,110	14,380	15,080	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350
	11.3	10.3	12.9	11.9	11.1	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,430	6,710	6,400	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610
	16.3	14.6	15.0	21.2	12.9	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4
Clarke	10,630	11,040	11,210	10,860	10,880	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150
	14.3	9.9	11.5	14.9	8.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,560	6,490	6,320	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270
	10.9	11.1	11.0	14.8	10.3	11.9	14.1	13.5	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,780	5,910	5,940	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650
	10.2	9.1	11.2	13.5	10.7	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4
Coffee	20,210	17,030	16,610	16,880	17,200	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220
	8.4	7.2	8.5	8.9	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,720	24,690	24,850	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,950	24,110	24,470
	16.4	13.1	16.7	14.8	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,300	6,650	6,360	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480
	11.8	10.8	11.0	14.5	10.0	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,440	4,580	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,630	4,810	4,810	4,850
	8.0	7.5	10.3	9.6	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3
Covington	16,370	17,130	16,980	16,990	16,990	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940
	9.9	9.7	11.8	12.2	9.4	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,020	6,320	6,180	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880
	11.0	9.1	10.6	17.0	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4
Cullman	29,550	30,430	29,510	29,900	30,470	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400
	11.5	9.6	12.6	10.3	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,230	20,000	19,520	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910
	7.7	7.4	7.6	11.5	7.3	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8
Dallas	23,130	22,310	21,900	22,010	21,840	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530
	15.7	15.0	15.1	13.9	12.6	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	26,770	27,110	27,400	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350
	10.8	10.4	13.0	12.5	11.3	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,550	20,650	20,690	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,080	20,850	20,520	20,870
	7.7	7.3	7.9	7.7	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,450	16,690	16,580	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920
	12.1	9.9	9.4	14.9	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0
Etowah	42,610	42,220	41,670	41,730	41,820	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060
	13.4	10.3	13.0	11.8	10.2	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,400	8,590	8,390	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140
	9.5	14.4	15.4	19.4	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9
Franklin	14,830	15,050	15,120	14,910	14,920	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950
	18.6	13.6	18.1	13.6	12.2	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,380	10,840	10,770	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740
	8.2	9.5	9.4	23.6	8.9	7.3	6.6	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,960	4,210	3,780	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760
	17.1	17.7	23.8	22.0	17.8	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,790	5,910	5,910	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800
	17.1	11.3	13.8	12.7	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,450	6,700	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790
	9.4	10.6	12.9	13.7	10.7	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,390	33,440	33,530	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480
	9.0	8.4	9.1	9.5	7.8	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,570	20,770	20,780	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700
	16.8	12.3	13.5	13.3	12.6	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	306,640	307,520	310,490	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270
	9.8	6.9	8.0	7.1	6.6	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,750	8,740	8,830	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760
	7.3	8.0	8.5	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	35,700	35,880	35,970	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560
	14.8	10.8	12.8	11.4	9.6	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,260	12,140	12,610	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,610	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590
	15.1	12.7	15.3	12.1	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,780	37,550	37,930	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,390	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180
	6.5	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.9	6.1	6.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6
Limestone	20,230	27,040	25,410	25,980	26,510	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700
	10.8	7.1	8.8	7.2	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,370	4,530	4,590	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420
	18.3	14.0	17.7	16.0	15.8	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,300	10,380	10,410	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420
	11.1	8.5	8.2	7.3	7.1	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5
Madison	117,780	117,770	114,870	115,240	116,440	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730
	7.1	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1
Marengo	9,720	9,940	10,010	10,460	9,790	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750
	14.2	10.7	12.8	16.9	10.4	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7
Marion	13,580	15,280	14,960	15,100	15,010	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550
	14.9	13.8	15.6	14.6	14.1	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4
Marshall	33,050	35,620	35,050	35,000	35,300	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110
	12.6	8.6	10.8	9.1	8.0	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1
Mobile	164,730	166,730	163,240	164,220	166,340	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200
	12.6	9.4	10.3	9.6	9.2	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	9,050	9,570	9,010	8,920	9,060	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970
	16.2	13.6	13.7	31.0	12.5	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0
Montgomery	96,610	91,900	90,800	91,080	90,890	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020
	8.8	7.2	7.8	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8
Morgan	38,870	43,370	42,350	42,770	43,540	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010
	11.5	8.1	9.6	8.1	7.6	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,160	5,230	5,230	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110
	13.3	13.2	12.5	12.1	10.9	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1
Pickens	7,080	6,970	6,840	6,750	7,000	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900
	15.9	15.2	18.0	15.3	14.5	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,550	11,790	11,810	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970
	10.1	8.0	8.7	8.9	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,800	8,760	8,720	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130
	14.9	9.5	16.6	9.6	9.2	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9
Russell	19,290	20,630	19,950	20,130	20,340	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860
	12.9	10.5	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	21,020	20,850	20,570	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040
	11.5	8.1	12.2	10.4	7.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9
Shelby	31,910	34,260	33,730	34,150	34,300	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870
	10.3	7.0	8.3	8.3	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,100	6,150	6,210	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020
	11.5	13.7	13.1	14.3	12.0	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,820	31,710	31,410	31,560	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380
	15.8	13.1	17.3	15.1	12.6	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,260	17,840	18,000	18,130	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640
	9.4	8.2	9.5	10.6	8.1	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	63,640	63,920	64,080	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900
	9.6	6.8	8.0	7.6	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1
Walker	32,560	33,090	33,590	33,680	33,580	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650
	13.3	9.9	13.9	13.0	11.5	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	6.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8
Washington	5,490	5,860	5,860	5,980	5,610	5,710	5,880	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910
	18.1	14.9	15.3	16.3	12.7	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,640	4,450	4,400	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270
	15.3	16.5	24.5	16.2	14.8	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,760	10,510	10,510	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710
	19.6	17.1	19.4	15.7	13.7	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,987	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652	1,056	816		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949	602,564	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074
Gasoline sales[a] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	133,925	155,025	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477		
New passenger car registrations[b] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[c] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,653	3,730	292	316	309	314	324	316	321	302	304	307	316	304	219
General stores with food and gas	175	188	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	15	13
General merchandise	2,382	2,579	152	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	193	167
Apparel	568	594	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	82	40	37
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	544	587	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	65	47	43
Automotive	3,088	3,411	243	300	294	324	312	304	318	316	269	240	256	266	258
Gasoline service stations	296	313	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	26	26	22
Lumber and building materials	890	988	54	77	88	91	91	90	91	91	93	87	77	76	70
Hardware and farm implements	427	433	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	36	28	29
Eating places	1,293	1,427	96	120	115	127	127	127	134	120	121	120	121	114	107
Drug stores	264	272	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	26	23
All other retail	2,162	2,288	157	183	185	196	186	181	192	185	193	193	260	178	158
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,809	1,155	1,395	1,402	1,477	1,440	1,405	1,475	1,405	1,374	1,393	1,673	1,313	1,147
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,676	173	210	225	233	226	234	239	235	235	229	255	208	186
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,484	1,328	1,605	1,627	1,710	1,667	1,639	1,714	1,640	1,609	1,622	1,928	1,521	1,333
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[c] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	542,348	36,099	43,384	45,088	47,608	45,752	45,552	49,284	47,349	44,722	45,822	54,233	41,785	37,066
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,352,498	372,422	445,783	449,611	474,122	449,580	442,333	469,650	451,658	440,657	445,900	523,433	423,824	359,989
Dothan	643,669	667,194	47,555	55,058	56,067	59,189	56,096	56,752	57,493	55,862	56,394	53,010	65,632	51,425	46,635
Florence	612,947	645,150	42,560	52,718	54,846	55,638	54,531	54,296	57,226	53,643	52,154	55,066	67,091	49,367	43,601
Gadsden	459,941	475,115	31,462	38,798	39,829	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,665	39,439	38,503	39,365	45,594	35,292	30,850
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,152,332	76,426	92,401	96,668	102,324	96,639	98,543	104,243	97,845	95,575	97,614	115,049	91,726	81,577
Mobile	2,100,894	2,186,269	149,426	179,146	183,732	191,056	195,323	191,443	190,639	181,009	181,906	173,926	210,265	171,543	144,803
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,508,326	105,910	125,777	124,193	131,269	131,853	128,798	129,377	126,594	121,679	122,264	152,857	114,849	106,282
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,824	47,137	55,427	55,576	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,448	56,548	55,808	56,236	67,800	55,005	45,998
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	105,892	7,895	8,868	9,055	9,467	8,998	9,284	9,787	8,396	8,828	8,127	9,715	8,734	6,414
Baldwin	343,706	354,356	24,591	30,464	31,660	33,180	32,990	34,635	32,213	28,227	26,339	25,229	29,878	25,274	24,186
Barbour	71,583	75,319	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,254	6,270	6,103	7,536	5,754	5,614
Bibb	41,388	44,115	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,673	3,907	4,429	3,469	3,393
Blount	89,053	100,619	6,793	8,053	8,189	9,006	8,906	8,266	8,996	9,029	8,518	8,714	9,195	7,965	7,023
Bullock	26,077	25,660	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,009	2,036	2,052	2,094	2,796	2,287	1,839
Butler	65,570	63,030	4,607	5,474	5,254	5,645	5,182	5,160	5,222	5,179	5,130	5,102	5,948	5,094	4,562
Calhoun	507,895	542,348	36,099	43,384	45,088	47,608	45,752	45,552	49,284	47,349	44,722	45,822	54,233	41,785	37,066
Chambers	107,006	108,782	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,488	9,292	9,034	9,009	8,955	10,233	8,603	8,077
Cherokee	47,907	50,288	3,422	4,136	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,247	4,462	4,382	3,936	4,120	4,229	3,579
Chilton	99,875	109,543	7,862	9,416	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,104	8,977	9,308	10,433	8,333	8,267
Choctaw	36,637	38,818	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,562	3,147	3,314	3,287	3,670	3,332	2,515
Clarke	98,651	107,096	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,188	9,266	9,001	8,257	8,727	10,582	8,598	7,479
Clay	26,368	26,959	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,436	2,346	2,056
Cleburne	22,200	23,626	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,657	1,726	1,654	1,584
Coffee	186,107	190,579	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,572	16,691	16,654	15,283	15,375	17,899	14,092	13,176

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,535	17,180	21,211	22,020	21,924	21,530	21,705	22,151	20,912	19,942	20,174	23,362	18,854	17,526
Conecuh	37,533	36,940	2,682	3,252	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,843	3,254	3,522	2,701	2,154
Coosa	8,932	10,186	770	807	798	877	929	875	868	778	993	815	892	741	664
Covington	137,578	137,576	9,774	11,407	11,659	12,391	12,182	11,967	12,562	11,566	10,743	10,866	12,595	10,734	9,701
Crenshaw	30,988	35,347	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,911	3,270	3,177	2,923	3,137	2,956	2,652	3,231	2,850	2,361
Cullman	237,638	251,203	16,264	21,568	21,543	22,691	22,320	21,490	23,115	20,990	20,712	20,885	22,786	18,626	16,356
Dale	104,914	114,502	7,892	9,747	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,289	9,697	11,345	8,513	8,110
Dallas	199,200	207,678	14,214	17,042	17,820	18,146	17,818	17,613	18,693	17,211	16,604	17,257	19,821	15,651	14,166
DeKalb	180,388	189,717	11,475	15,327	15,933	16,807	17,224	15,754	17,161	16,061	19,076	15,100	17,445	14,308	12,773
Elmore	102,081	107,714	7,865	9,306	9,499	9,510	9,596	9,339	9,650	9,155	8,429	8,274	9,362	8,368	8,274
Escambia	141,761	143,154	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,932	12,203	11,596	11,176	11,276	11,199	13,963	10,516	9,285
Etowah	459,941	475,115	31,462	38,798	39,829	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,665	39,439	38,503	39,365	45,594	35,292	30,850
Fayette	64,918	63,272	4,577	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,680	5,661	5,415	4,768	5,279	5,225	5,183
Franklin	99,529	103,968	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,082	7,767	8,333	9,070	7,676	6,844
Geneva	144,828	145,560	11,286	12,094	12,236	12,694	12,520	12,413	12,336	11,978	11,981	11,690	12,880	11,474	10,764
Greene	18,310	16,874	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,395	1,345	1,414	1,341	1,336
Hale	31,290	31,983	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,793	2,757	2,615	2,460	2,698	2,473	2,367
Henry	35,727	38,385	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,343	3,107	3,103	3,512	2,827	2,606
Houston	538,755	552,692	39,659	45,311	46,215	49,198	46,126	47,143	47,697	46,423	47,105	43,313	54,287	42,912	38,525
Jackson	136,606	145,985	10,343	12,781	12,611	13,454	12,094	12,118	12,951	12,526	11,438	11,897	13,447	10,686	10,171
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,514,175	316,641	376,575	378,843	398,038	376,029	370,846	394,649	381,765	372,662	375,101	446,182	357,396	303,260
Lamar	37,982	37,788	2,453	3,255	3,216	3,298	3,673	3,220	3,335	2,846	3,047	3,100	3,521	3,155	2,890
Lauderdale	362,963	395,615	25,380	31,507	32,826	33,714	33,001	32,591	35,075	32,731	32,212	34,892	43,729	30,513	26,075
Lawrence	51,755	56,597	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,109	4,605	4,609	5,127	4,499	4,569	5,108	6,131	4,206	3,874
Lee	346,954	372,066	24,557	29,952	30,509	32,315	31,557	29,500	33,052	32,985	30,691	33,277	38,397	29,637	24,815
Limestone	161,477	175,854	12,240	14,806	15,124	15,756	14,598	14,726	16,264	15,114	14,390	13,790	16,830	13,973	11,900
Lowndes	16,854	21,609	1,575	1,768	1,614	1,841	1,963	1,825	1,893	2,004	1,747	1,715	2,236	1,571	1,622
Macon	45,136	44,325	3,025	3,461	3,640	3,706	3,655	3,721	4,076	4,104	3,982	3,463	3,806	3,967	3,491
Madison	1,049,552	1,152,332	76,426	92,401	96,668	102,324	96,639	98,543	104,243	97,845	95,575	97,614	115,049	91,726	81,577
Marengo	69,350	77,216	5,574	6,315	6,578	6,914	5,857	6,015	6,619	6,486	6,290	6,460	7,954	6,267	5,766
Marion	95,317	104,129	6,620	8,438	8,664	9,285	9,011	8,641	9,071	8,780	8,442	9,041	10,488	8,709	7,856
Marshall	339,443	380,735	24,683	31,309	32,867	34,684	33,143	33,589	34,721	32,107	30,424	32,437	35,649	27,495	25,531
Mobile	1,757,188	1,831,913	124,835	148,682	152,072	157,876	162,333	156,808	158,426	152,782	155,567	148,697	180,387	146,269	120,617
Monroe	102,802	105,895	6,070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,285	10,418	9,227	9,332	11,109	12,101	5,997	5,581
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,294,720	90,150	107,603	105,639	112,292	113,259	110,175	109,940	109,043	104,422	105,863	133,780	97,747	91,594
Morgan	452,408	515,305	33,020	40,771	43,848	45,908	43,560	43,470	46,643	45,055	43,804	45,457	50,046	39,847	35,655
Perry	25,165	23,990	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,888	1,902	2,103	1,808	1,716
Pickens	41,346	41,946	2,870	3,507	3,712	3,872	3,895	3,602	3,902	3,475	3,290	3,338	3,647	3,288	3,121
Pike	90,768	99,045	6,627	7,741	7,677	8,760	8,625	8,141	8,973	8,767	8,535	7,926	9,817	8,486	7,452
Randolph	57,911	58,063	4,489	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,716	4,680	4,646	5,606	5,203	4,215
Russell	121,519	122,766	8,699	10,249	11,358	11,244	10,425	10,411	9,802	9,548	10,367	9,812	11,746	8,935	8,331
St. Clair	121,089	137,104	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,992	11,553	12,690	11,274	11,076	10,755	11,973	10,593	9,787
Shelby	253,358	275,079	18,077	23,111	23,064	24,195	23,617	24,013	24,068	22,294	22,358	23,644	25,398	22,554	18,322
Sumter	30,989	30,516	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,401	2,342	2,457	2,724	2,997	2,377	2,004
Talladega	240,189	257,463	17,342	20,431	21,411	24,626	22,277	22,970	22,236	21,582	20,788	20,603	25,003	20,032	17,025
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,182	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,395	12,114	10,983	12,040	10,890	10,689	11,391	12,614	10,315	10,321
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,824	47,137	55,427	55,576	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,448	56,548	55,808	56,236	67,800	55,005	45,998
Walker	291,356	325,521	21,562	26,380	27,667	30,008	28,136	27,655	29,247	27,296	26,043	27,686	30,685	25,316	21,597
Washington	21,666	20,662	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,999	1,661	1,943	1,697	1,979	1,645	1,616	1,552	1,639	1,481
Wilcox	27,999	25,866	2,047	2,222	2,140	2,263	2,116	2,137	2,273	2,011	1,967	2,183	2,305	1,995	1,682
Winston	71,301	79,442	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,645	7,214	6,723	6,682	6,958	7,415	6,182	5,524
Statewide	974,246	1,075,269	65,001	83,709	81,535	84,466	91,102	85,592	93,319	89,724	92,939	98,261	129,695	85,118	75,359

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4]End-of-month balance.

[5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

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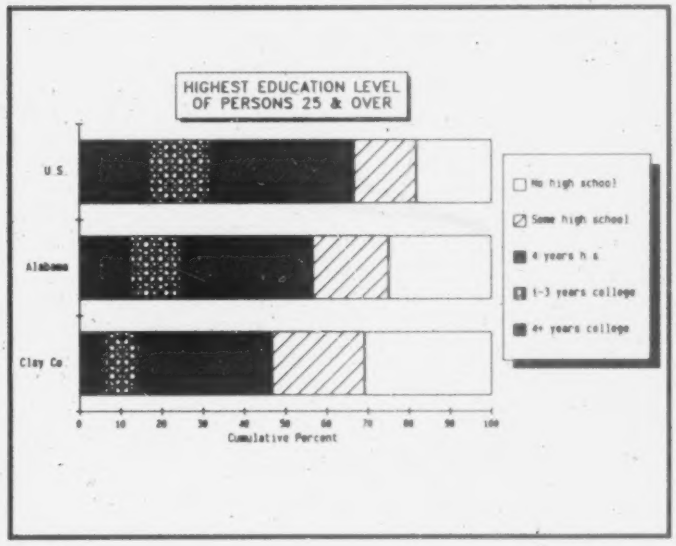
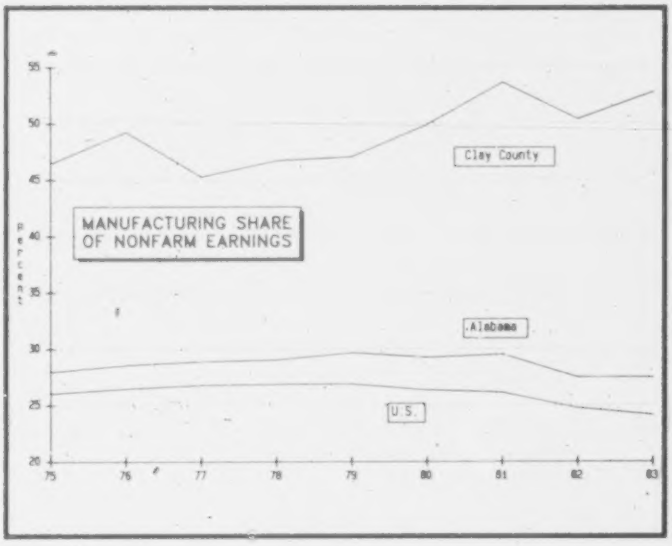
addition, forecasts show these sectors suffering relatively slow growth in the near future.

These statistics suggest rather strongly that a future of business-as-usual holds limited promise for Clay County. In his 1892 **Hand-Book of Alabama**, Saffold Berney wrote, "As yet, Clay County is remote from lines of transportation, but is rich in resources, awaiting development. Its mountains and hillsides are covered with valuable timber, and many of the useful and precious minerals, including gold and silver, tin and copper are to be found in the county." Today, nearly a century after those lines were written, Clay County is still untouched by major highways, much of its timber is under federal management, and the mines have petered out. To achieve a stable and prosperous future, Clay County must identify and develop new resources and diversify its economic base, while continuing to educate its citizens so that they will be ready for the challenges and opportunities that this restructuring will present.

Edward Rigdon





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The Economy in Perspective: Focus on Clay County

Located in the east-central part of the state, Clay County, like many others in Alabama (see, for example the portrait of Marion County in the February 1986, *Alabama Business*), adheres closely to the expected economic profile for a rural county. Entirely rural by Census Bureau standards, Clay County is the home of 13,610 persons, only one-third of one percent of the population of the state (1984 figures). Small towns, led by Ashland, the county seat (population 1,980), and Lineville (population 2,298), dot the eastern and southern two-thirds of the county, while a broad band along the western border is blanketed by the Talladega National Forest. "Rural," however, does not mean "farm." Only about 6 percent of these rural residents live on farms--a figure that applies to rural residents for Alabama as a whole.

Given its location in the middle of a triangle whose intersections are the Birmingham, Montgomery, and Atlanta metropolitan areas, Clay County is remarkably isolated. The county's borders are defined by Cleburne County in the north, Talladega County in the west, Coosa and Tallapoosa counties in the south, and Randolph County in the east, so that Clay County does not even border on any Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). No federal highways or interstates pass through Clay County. None of Alabama's great rivers or man-made lakes wind through the county. Except for the federal mandate to preserve the forested area in the west, Clay County has been left to define its own destiny.

As is true with most rural counties in this state, the people's local roots run deep. About 92% of the county's residents (in 1980) were born in Alabama, versus 79% of the residents of the state as a whole. About 62% of the residents of Clay County were living in the same house in 1980 that they had occupied in 1975 statewide, the percentage was only 53%. Thus, Clay County's population is somewhat more stable and settled than is typical in Alabama.

The county population is also somewhat older, poorer, and less well educated. Eleven percent of the state's population is 65 years old or older, but in Clay County the figure is 15%. More than one-third of the county's senior citizens had 1979 incomes below the federal poverty line. Three-quarters of Clay County's elderly did not finish high school--fewer than half ever started.

What is true of Clay County's senior citizens is true of the county population as a whole, if to a lesser degree. Per capita income in Clay County has continued to lag behind national and state averages. In 1983, per capita income in Clay County slipped to 78% of the state figure and to 63% of the national average. In 1979, 21% of the county's population was living below the poverty line. More than half of the county's adult residents did not finish high school. There is, nevertheless, a positive sign for the future. Of those persons 16 to 19 years old, 81% are either high school graduates or are still enrolled--only 19% of the county's soon-to-be adults have failed to finish.

Unfortunately, Clay County's rural character also shows in the distribution of sources of income in the county. The chief source of personal income in the county is earnings from work. Employment in Clay county is dominated by the manufacturing sector. In 1980, 49%--nearly half--of all employed county residents worked in manufacturing. When compared with a state average of only 21%, this statistic would ordinarily suggest that the people of Clay County are relatively wealthy, because manufacturing wages tend to be higher than wages in other sectors. Manufacturing employment, however, is dominated by the apparel industry, which is characterized by low wages, menial jobs, and managers that are hostile to unions. Workers in these jobs also face competition from foreign countries, where wages are even lower than they are in the rural South. Other manufacturers in Clay County include poultry and egg processors, a cabinet-maker, a tire- and wheel-manufacturer, and a number of small forest products firms.

No other sector comes close to the impact of the manufacturing sector on Clay County employment. Government, for the most part state and local, provided 14% of all jobs held by Clay Countians. The service and retail trade sectors each employed another 11%. As noted in the December, 1984, *Alabama Business*, many of those employed in these sectors find work in low-paying jobs, as sales clerks, clerical workers, or security guards. In

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